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In re Application of  
Whitby et al.  
Application No. 09/996,221  
Filed: November 28, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 006593-1908

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed May 28, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No further petition fee is required for the request. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the final Office action mailed September 24, 2003. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on December 25, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed May 5, 2004.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply,<sup>1</sup>
- (2) the petition fee,
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, and
- (4) a terminal disclaimer and fee if the application was filed on or before June 8, 1995 or if the application is a design application.

Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

<sup>2</sup> See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D).

The instant petition lacks item (1). The Amendment submitted to the Examiner on May 28, 2004 failed to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may be: (1) an amendment, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. Petitioner must submit one of the above documents in order to revive the above-identified application. The Advisory Action issued by the Examiner is enclosed.

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Enclosure: Advisory Action